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AssignedTITLE: NOVEL MELANOCORTIN-4  
RECEPTOR SEQUENCES AND  
SCREENING ASSAYS TO IDENTIFY  
COMPOUNDS USEFUL IN  
REGULATING ANIMAL APPETITE  
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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for response to the Notice to Comply With Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures in this application, mailed on August 2, 2001, and having an original period for response of two months, which expired on October 2, 2001, be extended by four month(s), such that it expires on February 4, 2002 (February 2, 2002 having been on a Saturday).

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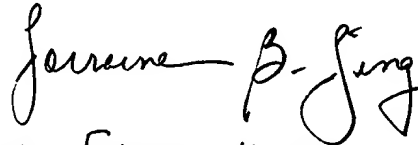
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Respectfully submitted,



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